

of honest bankers and deprive them of the right to conduct their business under a law which, if duly executed and enforced, is none too liberal now. I understand, of course, that we can prevent bad men from doing wrong by putting all men in strait-jackets; but I also know that we will thus prevent good men from doing what would be to their own and to their country's great advantage. If we permit ourselves to look only at the misdeeds of the few and forget the good deeds of the many, we may fall into a misanthropic frame of mind and make the mistake of legislating upon the theory that as some men abuse their freedom it shall be taken from us all. If this should come to pass, the men of this great Republic would lose the power of intellect and the self-control through which we fondly hope to complete a peaceful conquest of the world. Sir, I believe men are growing better instead of worse, and I would rather encourage that growth by giving greater freedom still than to discourage it by leaving them less to do according to their own untrammelled judgment and compelling them to do more according to the directions of a statute.

I am an optimist. I believe in the patriotism and the intelligence of my countrymen, and I believe they will vindicate before the world the experiment of self-government which our fathers inaugurated. I believe that they will teach the advocates of kingly government and the apostles of socialism as well that mankind can achieve its highest development and attain its greatest happiness under institutions which leave every man as free as is consistent with the peace and the good order of society. And even, Mr. President, when my countrymen disappoint my hope and when the spirit of faction seems stronger than a love of country, I do not despair. Through the darkness, as in the light, I cling to a persevering faith, and I remember that there is One above us who overrules kings and parliaments and who orders the destiny of republics better than presidents and congresses. I confide in Him, and I do not fear that He, under whose providence the sparrow falls and whose mercy stills the clamorous raven's nest, will permit this Government of the people and for the people and by the people to perish from the earth; but I believe that at His own good time and in His own good way He will inspire His children here with the wisdom to know and with the courage to do whatever may be for the best. From the iridescent dream of socialism and from the debasing avarice of monopoly which assail us in this day, I turn to the coming of that better day when our greatest intellects and our bravest hearts shall be called again to those high seats from which the mighty dead once governed us; and when that time comes, as come it shall, they will make our laws so just and equal and will administer them so firmly and so impartially that they will perpetuate forever and forever more this, the greatest, the freest, and therefore "the best Government that ever rose to animate the hopes or to bless the sacrifices of mankind." [Applause in the galleries.]

#### DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE MEYER OF LOUISIANA.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. BROWNING, its Chief Clerk, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. ADOLPH MEYER, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana, and transmitted resolutions of the House thereon.

Mr. McENERY. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the resolutions of the House of Representatives announcing the death of Hon. ADOLPH MEYER.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the resolutions of the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The Secretary read the resolutions, as follows:

In the House of Representatives, March 9, 1908.

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound regret of the death of Hon. ADOLPH MEYER, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to pay the necessary expenses in connection with the funeral of said Representative.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. McENERY. Mr. President, at some other time I will ask the Senate to set apart a day to commemorate the life, services, and character of General MEYER. I now offer the resolutions I send to the desk.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Senator from Louisiana offers resolutions which will be read.

The resolutions were read and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. ADOLPH MEYER, late a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives, and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. McENERY. Mr. President, I submit the additional resolution which I send to the desk.

The Secretary read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to, and (at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 10, 1908, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 9, 1908.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

The Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father in heaven, once more under the dispensation of Thy providence we are brought face to face with that mystery of mysteries which we call death, in the removal of a Member of this legislative body who for many years served with distinction in his fidelity to duty as a statesman.

We mourn him, but not as dead, since we have been taught to believe that in the Father's house are many mansions; that death is not an extinction of being, but the passing from one room to another.

Be with his colleagues and friends, the bereaved wife and daughter to comfort and sustain them, that they may look forward with hope to a meeting under more favorable circumstances, where the love tie shall never again be broken. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Saturday, March 7, 1908, was read and approved.

#### DISTRICT BUSINESS.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Tuesday, the 24th day of this month, be set aside for consideration of District business.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Michigan asks unanimous consent that Tuesday, the 24th of March, be set aside for the consideration of District business. Is there objection?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, did I understand it to be Tuesday, the 24th of March?

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. The 23d, two weeks from to-day, is the regular day.

Mr. MANN. The gentleman has two weeks from to-day.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Yes; that is true, but there are eight or nine bills upon the Calendar now and there probably will be twenty by that time, and then we expect that one bill, I desire to say to the gentleman and the House, of itself ought to take all of one day, and we would not want to call it up any more than the trackage bill and have it considered partly on one day and then go over.

Mr. MANN. What bill is that?

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. The public-service bill.

Mr. MANN. There is nothing on the Calendar that ought to take two hours to dispose of.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. That is true, but we have the right to look ahead and see what we may have at that time.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I object.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. CROCKETT, its reading clerk, announced that the Senate had passed joint resolution and bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives was requested:

S. R. 28. Joint resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to donate certain cannon, with their accessories, to the State of New Hampshire;

S. 4030. An act to fix the pay of the Army;

S. 2736. An act to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building in the city of Lagrange, Ga.; and

S. 2732. An act to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building in the city of Cordele, Ga.

#### THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE MEYER, OF LOUISIANA.

Mr. RANDELL of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce the death of my colleague, Gen. ADOLPH MEYER. At some future time I will ask the House to designate a day when suitable addresses to his memory may be made. I now ask that this resolution which I have prepared be presented.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.  
The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound regret of the death of Hon. ADOLPH MEYER, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to pay the necessary expenses in connection with the funeral of said Representative.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions.

The question was taken, and the resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, a letter from the Acting Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a schedule of useless papers accumulated in his Department was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Disposition of Useless Papers in the Executive Departments, and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII, private bills and resolutions were severally reported from committees, delivered to the Clerk, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, as follows:

Mr. CHANEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 18930) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the civil war and certain widows and dependent relatives of such soldiers and sailors, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1193), which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

Mr. ANSBERRY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (S. 5254) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the civil war and certain widows and dependent children of such soldiers and sailors, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1194), which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

Mr. HAWLEY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 13319) for the relief of the heirs of Thomas J. Miller, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 1195), which said bill and report were referred to the Private Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CHANEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions: A bill (H. R. 18930) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the civil war and certain widows and dependent relatives of such soldiers and sailors—to the Private Calendar.

By Mr. BOOHER: A bill (H. R. 18931) to provide for the advancement of instruction in agriculture, manual training, and home economics in the State normal schools of the United States—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan: A bill (H. R. 18932) to acquire land in the vicinity of the Connecticut Avenue Bridge for the extension of certain streets—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. CALE: A bill (H. R. 18933) providing for the leasing of islands in Alaska—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HACKNEY: A bill (H. R. 18934) to establish a Bureau of Mines in the Department of the Interior—to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BOOHER: A bill (H. R. 18935) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. Brauson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CHANEY: A bill (H. R. 18936) granting an increase of pension to Theodore F. Rogers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18937) granting an increase of pension to James W. Defore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COOK of Colorado: A bill (H. R. 18938) for the relief of Andrew B. Baird and James S. Baird—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. CRAWFORD: A bill (H. R. 18939) to complete the military record of Benjamin F. Buckner and Taylor Buckner—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. EDWARDS of Kentucky: A bill (H. R. 18940) granting an increase of pension to George Nichols—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18941) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. Gilbert—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18942) granting an increase of pension to Henry Pettyjohn—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18943) granting an increase of pension to James M. Ard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18944) granting an increase of pension to Thomas P. McCracken—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18945) granting an increase of pension to Columbus C. Howell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18946) to correct the military record of Capt. John C. Wilson—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18947) for the relief of the trustees of Tatesville Baptist Church, in Pulaski County, Ky.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18948) for the relief of W. E. Hancock, of Kane Valley, Adair County, Ky.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HUGHES of West Virginia: A bill (H. R. 18949) for the relief of Mary A. Smith and others—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. KEIFER: A bill (H. R. 18950) to enable the President to restore Second Lieut. Henry Ossian Flipper to duty, rank, and status in the United States Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LANGLEY: A bill (H. R. 18951) granting an increase of pension to Milton Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18952) granting an increase of pension to William W. Daniels—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18953) granting a pension to Bud Adkins—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18954) granting a pension to Frances Turner—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18955) granting a pension to Morgan J. Treadway—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18956) for the relief of R. F. Wells—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MOON of Tennessee: A bill (H. R. 18957) for the relief of the estate of Alexander Smith, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MURDOCK: A bill (H. R. 18958) granting an increase of pension to Robert D. Adams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18959) granting pension to Rebecca Center—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18960) granting an increase of pension to Ira Madison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18961) granting an increase of pension to James H. Chesney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18962) granting pension to Sarah McKee—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18963) for the relief of E. N. Smith—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MURPHY: A bill (H. R. 18964) granting an increase of pension to Silas W. Traber—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RUSSELL of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 18965) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Harris—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 18966) granting an increase of pension to Jesse Johnson—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. WEBB: A bill (H. R. 18967) granting an increase of pension to J. B. Sprinkle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18968) granting an increase of pension to Lewis W. Ramsey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILEY: A bill (H. R. 18969) for the relief of the heirs of Dr. Willis Calhoun, of Noxubee County, Miss.—to the Committee on War Claims.



## PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ALLEN: Petition of Portland Shipbuilders Company and 60 other persons and friends, of Portland, Me., for dredging to 30 feet depth in the harbor near South Portland—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. ASHBROOK: Petition of H. A. Bishop, for Madden bill (H. R. 312) to compel railways to pay demurrage on delayed shipments—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of Andrew Carnegie and other citizens of New York City, against extravagance in battle ships for Navy—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, favoring woman suffrage—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CALDER: Petitions of E. T. Stohman and Edgar G. Pfarre, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for forest reservations in White Mountains and Southern Appalachian Mountains—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of Harry Rogers, of New York City, against the Currier copyright bill—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, for H. R. 16096, relative to preservation of forests—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CHANEY: Paper to accompany bill for relief of James W. Defore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DAWSON: Petition of United Mine Workers of America, indorsing McHenry bill for Bureau of Mines—to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. DRAPER: Petition of Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, for amendment of the interstate commerce act—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of Edmund Wetmore, Sons of American Revolution, for appropriation to print and preserve certain documents of the Revolution—to the Committee on Printing.

Also, petition of American Musical Copyright League of New York, for the Currier copyright bill—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of Andrew Carnegie and other citizens of New York City, against increase of the Navy by four new battle ships—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, for enfranchisement of women by sixteenth amendment to Constitution—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNWELL: Petition of United Mine Workers of America, for Pearre bill—to the Committee on Labor.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, of Indianapolis, Ind., calling attention of President of the United States and Congress to the action of Judge Dayton—to the Committee on Labor.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, of Indianapolis, Ind., for sixteenth amendment to Federal Constitution—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of American Musical Copyright League, favoring the passage of Kittredge bill (S. 2499) and the Barchfeld bill (H. R. 11794)—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of Allied Board of Trade and Tax Payers' Association, of Brooklyn, N. Y., favoring the building of battle ships in Government navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, indorsing McHenry bill, providing for Bureau of Mines—to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. EDWARDS of Kentucky: Papers to accompany bills for relief of James M. Ard, Henry Pettyjohn, Charles W. Gilbert, George W. Nichols, John Dass, Henderson Smith, McKager Lawhorn, and William Perkins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Louisville Credit Men's Association for H. R. 13266, approving amendment to bankruptcy act—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of Judge H. F. Kennedy and 36 others, against a parcels-post law—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of William Perkins Post, No. 99, Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic, of Albany, Ky., to accompany bill for relief of William Thrasher—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, paper to accompany bill for relief of trustees of Tateville Baptist Church—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ELLIS of Oregon: Petition of Local Union No. 87,

International Union of Steam Engineers, of Portland, Oreg., for battle-ship building in navy-yards—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of 39 citizens of Oregon, for Hepburn-Dolliver bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ESCH: Petitions of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and Baraboo Division, No. 176, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for the Clapp free-pass amendment—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. FOCHT: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Samuel H. Hartman (H. R. 18763)—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. FULLER: Petition of American Musical Copyright League, for Currier copyright bill—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of D. A. Syme, of Syracuse, Ill., against a parcels-post law—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, petition of Chicago Woman's Club, against noncompetitive clause in census bill—to the Committee on the Census.

By Mr. GAINES of Tennessee: Petition to correct lineal and relative rank of Granville Servier, captain, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GRANGER: Petition of Rocky Hill Grange, No. 27, Patrons of Husbandry, of Warwick, R. I., for a national highway commission—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HAMLIN: Papers to accompany bills for relief of James J. Wallis and Andrew J. Sawyer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HOWELL of New Jersey: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Charles H. Heiseley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Sprague Electric Company, for forest reservations in White Mountains and Southern Appalachian Mountains—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of Typographical Union, No. 94, of New Jersey, against Penrose bill to amend section 3983, Revised Statutes, relative to second-class mail matter—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. HUBBARD: Petition of R. S. Eyres and others, for a parcels-post law—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. LAFEAN: Petition of Manufacturers' Association of York, Pa., urging passage of the Fowler bill (H. R. 12677)—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, petition of Manufacturers' Association of York, Pa., in favor of passage of S. 3163, for the creation of a tariff commission—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEE: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Martin Ball—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. KELIHER: Petition of A. Altshuler, against educational test and other restrictive immigration amendments—to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Also, petition of Boston Chamber of Commerce, against Aldrich currency bill—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. MCKINNEY: Petition of R. H. Graham Post, No. 312, Grand Army of the Republic, of Moline, Ill., and Warren Shedd Post, No. 262, Grand Army of the Republic, of Aledo, Ill., protesting against the proposed consolidation of pension agencies—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MOON of Tennessee: Paper to accompany bill for relief of heirs of Alexander Smith—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MURPHY: Paper to accompany bill for relief of Silas W. Traber—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS: Petition of Boston Chamber of Commerce, against Aldrich currency bill—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. PRATT: Petition of National Lock Washer Company, against Gardner eight-hour bill—to the Committee on Labor.

Also, petition of Sprague Electric Company and Orange Political Study Club, of East Orange, N. J., for forest reservations in White Mountains and Southern Appalachian Mountains—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of Electrical Workers Union, No. 190, of Newark, N. J., against pension bill (S. 1518)—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SULZER: Petition of Italian Mutual Aid Society, of New York, for the Sulzer bill making October 12 a legal holiday, to be known as Columbus Day—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of Independent State Dental Association, for S. 4432—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, petition of Mrs. Helen S. Brocket, for the Kittredge and Barchfeld copyright bills—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of William Verlieck, favoring H. R. 11336, to promote military training in educational institutions of the United States—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, petition of W. D. Hamilton, for a volunteer officers' retired list law—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, petition of A. N. Danks, against the Currier copyright bill—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of Harry Rogers, for the Kittredge copyright bill—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, petition of National Association of Clothiers, against the Aldrich bill and in favor of the Fowler bill—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, petition of Andrew Carnegie and other citizens of New York, against extravagance in battle-ship building—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, petition of A. H. De Haven, against the Hepburn bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. TOWNSEND: Petition of Scott Post, No. 43, of Blissfield, Mich., and civil war veterans of Belleville, Mich., for Sherwood bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Grand Rapids (Mich.) Credit Men's Association, in behalf of H. R. 13266—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of civil war veterans of Romulus, Mich., for Sherwood bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of United Mine Workers of America, for woman suffrage—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petition of Military Order of Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of District, for a volunteer officers' retired list—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

## SENATE.

TUESDAY, March 10, 1908.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. EDWARD E. HALE.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on request of Mr. KEAN, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Journal stands approved.

### CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW CITIZENSHIP COURT.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting, by order of the President and in response to a resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, a copy of the proceedings of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court in connection with the ascertainment of the compensation of the attorneys for these nations of Indians, etc., which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

### USELESS PAPERS IN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, schedules, documents, etc., on the files of the Department not needed in the transaction of public business, which was read.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The communication will be referred to the Joint Committee on the Disposition of Useless Papers in the Executive Departments. The Chair appoints as the members of that committee on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Texas [Mr. BAILEY] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GALLINGER], and directs the Secretary to notify the House of Representatives of this action.

### FINDINGS OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communications from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting certified copies of the findings of fact filed by the court in the following causes:

In the cause of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Paw Paw, W. Va., v. United States; and

In the cause of the Trustees of the Ewing Institute of Perryville, Ky., v. United States.

The foregoing findings were, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, praying for the enactment of legislation providing for an increase in the pay of the officers and enlisted men of the Army and Navy, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

He also presented the petition of Robert D. Kinney, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying that a rehearing be granted by the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania in the case of Anthony Scott v. Alice B. Kinney, trading as R. D. Kinney & Co., which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

He also presented the petition of Robert D. Kinney, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying that an investigation be made and redress granted for the course pursued in the name of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Robert D. Kinney v. James T. Mitchell, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

He also presented the petition of Robert D. Kinney, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying that an investigation be made and a rehearing be granted in the case of Alice B. Kinney, of Philadelphia, Pa., trading as R. D. Kinney & Co., v. Edwin Burhorn, of Hoboken, N. J., and Abbott D. Granger, of Brooklyn, N. Y., copartners, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

He also presented the petition of Robert D. Kinney, of Philadelphia, Pa., praying that the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania grant a rehearing in the case of Robert D. Kinney in right of Alice B., his wife, petitioner, v. Hon. John B. McPherson, United States Judge, circuit court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BRIGGS presented a memorial of the Whitney Glass Works, of Glassboro, N. J., and a memorial of A. T. Schlichting Company, of Newark, N. J., remonstrating against the enactment of legislation to regulate the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquors, which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

He also presented the petition of F. Schniewind, of Englewood, N. J., praying for the enactment of legislation to create a Bureau of Mines in the Department of the Interior, which was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

He also presented a petition of Local Union No. 24, Musicians' Protective Union, of New Brunswick, N. J., and a petition of Local Union No. 248, American Federation of Musicians, of Paterson, N. J., praying for the enactment of legislation to prohibit Army and Navy bands from entering into competition with civilian bands, which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

He also presented the petition of Merritt W. Griswold, of Highwood, N. J., praying for the adoption of an amendment to the bill granting pensions to retired officers of the civil war so as to include those who served three months, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

He also presented the petition of Martha Shepard Lippincott, of Moorestown, N. J., praying for the passage of the so-called "Kittredge copyright bill," which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

He also presented a memorial of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, of New York City, N. Y., remonstrating against the adoption of certain amendments to the present pure food and drug law relating to the standards for foods and drugs, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

He also presented petitions of sundry citizens of Montclair, Newark, Camden, and Harrison, all in the State of New Jersey, and of New York City, N. Y., praying for the enactment of legislation providing for the conservation of the national forests of the country, which were referred to the Committee on Forest Reservations and the Protection of Game.

He also presented a petition of Pioneer Grange, No. 1, Patrons of Husbandry, of Cranbury, N. J., praying for the passage of the so-called "parcels-post bill," and also for the establishment of postal-savings banks, which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

He also presented a petition of the Woman's Club of Orange, N. J., praying for the enactment of legislation to regulate the employment of child labor in the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also presented a petition of the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Vineland, N. J., praying for the enactment of legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

He also presented a petition of Local Grange No. 11, Patrons of Husbandry, of Vineland, N. J., and a petition of Pioneer Grange, No. 1, Patrons of Husbandry, of Cranbury, N. J., praying for the enactment of legislation providing for the appointment of a national highways commission, which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

He also presented the petition of C. A. L. Massie, of Hacken-